

Arkansas

Crop Report



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The following are the survey results from the 2005 October Agricultural Yield Survey. A sample of the farmers in Arkansas provided the data for this survey. The data are also posted on our home page at the Internet address above, and more detailed U.S. statistics at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire or interview for the survey.

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Rice: Based on conditions as of October 1, the Arkansas all rice yield for 2005 is forecast at 6,700 pounds per acre, down 180 pounds per acre from last month's forecast and down 210 pounds per acre from last year's yield. All rice harvested acres are estimated at 1.64 million, up 5 percent from 2004. The 2005 total rice production for the state is forecast at 109.5 million hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's production of 107.4 million cwt.

Soybeans: Arkansas soybean yield is forecast at 34 bushels per acre, equal to the September 1 forecast but down 5.0 bushels per acre from last year, based on conditions as of October 1. Harvested acres of soybeans are estimated at 3.0 million acres, down 150,000 acres from 2004. Soybean production for Arkansas in 2005 is forecast at 102.0 million bushels, down 17 percent from a year ago.

Cotton: Based on conditions as of October 1, Arkansas cotton production is forecast at 2.1 million bales (480 pounds per bale), up 70,000 bales from last month's forecast, and up 11,000 bales from a year ago. The derived yield of 969 pounds per acre is down 145 pounds per acre from last year's cotton yield. Harvested acres are estimated at 1,040,000 acres, up from last year's 900,000 acres harvested.

Sorghum: Grain sorghum production for the state is forecast at 5.15 million bushels, compared to 4.70 million a year ago, based on conditions as of October 1. The state average grain sorghum yield is forecast at 83 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels per acre from last month's forecast but down 1 bushel per acre from last year's average yield. Acres for harvest are estimated at 62,000, compared to 56,000 acres in 2004.

Corn: Based on conditions as of October 1, the 2005 Arkansas corn for grain yield is forecast at 128 bushels per acre, up 3 bushels per acre from the September 1 forecast, but down 12 bushels per acre from last year's yield. Acres of corn harvested for grain are estimated at 230,000, compared to 305,000 acres harvested in 2004. Total corn for grain production in the state is forecast at 29.4 million bushels.

Arkansas Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production 2004-2005, October Forecast

Crop	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
				Sep. 1	Oct. 1		
	Thousand Acres		Yield per acre			Thousands	
Rice, All, 1/	1,555	1,635	6,910.0	6,880.0	6,700.0	107,440	109,545
Soybeans, bushels	3,150	3,000	39.0	34.0	34.0	122,850	102,000
Cotton, Upland 2/	900	1,040	1,114.0	937.0	969.0	2,089	2,100
Sorghum, bushels	56	62	84.0	80.0	83.0	4,704	5,146
Corn, bushels	305	230	140.0	125.0	128.0	42,700	29,440

^{1/} Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

^{2/} Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.

United States

Rice: U.S. production is forecast at 223.2 million cwt, down 2 percent from September and down 3 percent from last year. Area expected for harvest, at 3.34 million acres, is unchanged from September, but up fractionally from 2004. As of October 1, the U.S. all rice yield is forecast at 6,678 pounds per acre, down 152 pounds from the September forecast and down 264 pounds from last year's record high yield.

Soybeans: U.S. soybean production is forecast at 2.97 billion bushels, up 4 percent from the September forecast but 5 percent below 2004. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 41.6 bushels per acre, up 2.0 bushels from last month but 0.6 bushel below last year's record high yield. Area planted is now estimated at 72.2 million acres, down 903,000 acres from the August estimate. Area for harvest is forecast at 71.3 million acres, down 914,000 acres from September.

Upland Cotton: U.S. upland cotton production is forecast at 22.0 million 480-pound bales, 2 percent below 2004. Upland cotton harvested area, at 13.4 million acres, is equal to the September estimate and up 5 percent from a year ago.

Corn: U.S. corn production is forecast at 10.9 billion bushels, up 2 percent from last month but 8 percent below 2004. Based on conditions as of October 1, yields are expected to average 146.1 bushels per acre, up 2.9 bushels from September but 14.3 bushels below last year.

United States Area Planted, Harvested, Yield, and Production 2004-2005, October Forecast

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Crop	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005		2004	2005
				Sep. 1	Oct. 1		
	Thousand Acres		Yield per acre			Thousands	
Rice, All, 1/	3,325	3,343	6,942.0	6,830.0	6,678.0	230,818	223,238
Soybeans, bushels	73,958	71,270	42.2	39.6	41.6	3,123,686	2,967,075
Cotton, Upland 2/	12,809	13,408	843.0	772.0	788.0	22,505	22,013
Sorghum, bushels	6,517	5,687	69.8	66.0	66.0	454,899	375,105
Corn, bushels	73,632	74,333	160.4	143.2	146.1	11,807,217	10,857,440

^{1/} Rice yield in pounds. Rice Production in hundredweight (cwt)

^{2/} Cotton yield in pounds per acre. Cotton Production in 480 pound bales.
